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**Paris, France.** The Rome negotiations looking toward integration of all Common Market airlines in "Europair" failed of complete success because KLM, the Dutch organization, drew back. However, Air France, Lufthansa, Alitalia and Sabena are going ahead with Air Union. For the time being, each national line will retain operating autonomy, but all planes will carry the Air Union emblem. There will be a single Air Union office in each city, a common Air Union schedule and ticket on all routes, and a common accounting system, with net receipts allocated to the four operators according to an agreed ratio. Air Union expresses the Paris-Bonn-Rome axis toward which the policies of Charles de Gaulle, Konrad Adenauer and Antonio Segni tend in all fields. Within Air Union, Air France will dominate, Paris will be the headquarters city, and France's splendid medium-range jet plane, *Caravelle*, the flagship. The hesitation of the Dutch reflects not merely their satisfaction with the giant KLM as a going concern, but their general reluctance to widen the gap between the Common Market and Britain's sterling area.

**London, England.** The government has just announced that a substantial increase (averaging about 11 per cent) in National Assistance (supplementary social security) benefits will go into effect September 7. Labor Party members of Parliament, who swallowed with wry faces and sarcastic jeers this measure that they obviously could not oppose, are convinced it means that Mr. Macmillan will call the general election for October.

**Guatemala City, Guatemala.** Although Guatemala has not so far been featured in news of the currently seething troubles in the Caribbean, experienced observers believe that it may explode at any moment. The assassination of Carlos Castillo Armas in July 1957 left no outstanding anti-Communist leader. President Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes, though personally a well-intentioned man with conservative leanings, has proved unable to control the situation. The Communists, many of them exiled after Castillo Armas' victory over the Communist puppet Jacobo Arbenz Guzman, have managed to reinfiltrate the government bureaus and the army as well as the labor and peasant organizations. Their relative position is stronger than in any other Caribbean nation.

**Cowes, Isle of Wight.** British technical opinion is jubilant at the success of the four-ton experimental "Hovercraft," the SRN-1, which followed up its above-land flights with a successful demonstration of motion in any direction at fifteen inches above the Solent water. The engineers of Saunders-Roe, the firm that built SRN-1, hail it as "the prototype of a completely new type of vehicle," and describe it as "a vacuum cleaner turned the other way around." Operating over any surface on a cushion of air, its efficiency increases rapidly with size, so that large (10,000 tons or more) Hovercrafts—already in planning stages

—are expected to be able to move over water at 100 miles per hour or more, with costs per ton of freight half or less than that of ships. Amphibious military operations are another obvious use. Although other countries, including the U.S., are working on similar devices, the British believe themselves to be several years ahead.

**Caracas, Venezuela.** The general press did not report that shortly before anti-Trujillo operations broke into the shooting stage, an anti-Trujillo "unity Congress" was held here. Exile delegates from South, Central and North America (including a number from New York) established the united front Movement for Dominican Liberation. Enrique Jiménez Moya was appointed commander of the "Dominican Army of Liberation." Fidel Castro's observers were on hand. The Popular Socialist Party (as the Dominican Communists call themselves) played a prominent part.



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*"Just you wait! Soon men will be copying us monkeys."*

**Moscow, USSR.** The just published texts of the new history of the Soviet Communist Party and of the proceedings of last January's Party Congress give new evidence of the continuing "collective" structure of Kremlin leadership, with Khrushchev functioning not as unrestricted dictator but as merely first among peers. It is revealed, for example, that Marshal Klementi Voroshilov, President and thereby formal head of the Soviet state, did not support Khrushchev in the "anti-party" crisis of 1957; and yet has continued in his post. The Congress "confessions" of Pervukhin, Saburov and Shepilov were far from the abject self-abasement of Stalinist ritual; and all three continue in responsible jobs—Pervukhin in a critical spot as ambassador to East Germany. There are indications that Mikoyan intervened at the Congress to shift the discussion away from factional attacks on Khrushchev's "anti-party" opponents to concentration on economic problems.

**Singapore.** Since independence a month ago, the major activity of Lee Kuan Yew's government has been the most extreme campaign on modern record against what—by a linguistic irony—the new Ministers refer to as "yellow culture." Mr. Ong Pang Boon, Minister for Home Affairs, is in charge of the operations against "literary lechery," pornography, magazines featuring "the barnyard morals of the less reputable of film stars," films that "rape young minds," jazz, pinball machines and juke boxes. He recently took to the air to defend himself against the charge that he was "throwing thousands out of work."



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